



Organizing a Neighborhood Watch

- Visualize a neighborhood where every time a lawbreaker shows up, so does "the law." One of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear, a Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation crime feeds upon. It forges the bond among residents, helps reduce burglaries and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

- Form a watch group around any geographical unit: a block, an apartment building, a condo complex, or a business area.

- To get started, contact the Directed Enforcement Unit at 801-963-5400 to receive information and set a date and time for meeting and training. Recruit community members through flyers and telephone calls. Inform them of the first meeting and let them know what a group can do for them.

- Watch for and immediately report any suspicious persons, vehicles, behavior, or activities that are not part of the normal neighborhood routine.



Report Crime

- Remember the slogan: "Be vigilant, not vigilantes!" Watch groups act as extra eyes and ears for TVPD.

- Call 911 for situations involving immediate threat to life, safety, property, or any crime in progress.

- Call 801-840-4000 to report suspicious circumstances or any other matter you think needs the attention of a patrol officer.



Taylorsville Police Department

2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

Taylorsville, UT 84129

Dispatch: 801-840-4000

(non-emergencies)



Safeguarding Your Neighborhood





Defend Yourself

- Pay attention to your surroundings and others nearby.
- Carry yourself with confidence to show that you are in control.
- Be careful when walking or jogging alone; take a buddy or your dog with you.
- Never get in a car with a stranger. Stick to well-lit, well-traveled areas and paths.



Instruct Your Family

- Teach children to walk or play with a buddy and ask parental permission before going with anyone.
- Make sure they know no one should touch them in the swimsuit area of their bodies and to report any such instances, even if it is a family member or friend that did it.
- Report all instances of suspected child abuse to TVPD dispatch: 801-840-4000



Safeguard Your Home

- Keep all windows and doors closed and locked, even when you are home.
- Install deadbolts and peepholes.
- Leave a front porch light on all night; motion sensing lights add extra protection.
- Trim or eliminate shrubbery where criminals could hide.
- Keep your garage door closed.



Protect Your Property

- Share the cost of an engraving tool with neighbors. This breaks the ice and also allows everyone to get involved while marking their valuable property with a driver's license number or another number unique to you (don't use your social security number). This facilitates the return of stolen property.
- Make an inventory of your valuables, including serial numbers, make and model, and store them in a safe place. Take photos or video of items for insurance purposes.



Safeguard Your Vehicle

- Remove all personal property from your vehicle.
- Roll the windows all the way up and always lock your car even if it is parked in the garage.
- Never leave the keys in an unattended vehicle, especially to let it warm up in the morning.
- Use a variety of security devices, such as steering wheel locking bar, alarm system, ignition interrupt device, glass sensor or GPS tracking device.



Guarding Against Crime and Gang Activity

- Report and clean up all graffiti by calling the Salt Lake County graffiti hotline at 801-972-7885, or Taylorsville City Hall at 801-963-5400.
- If possible, take pictures of graffiti for officer analysis.
- Do not confront or intervene in illegal activities of juveniles or gang members. Call TVPD at 801-840-4000 for help.
- Fighting graffiti is a community job. See it? Report it.



Get to Know Your Neighbors

- Create social events such as a block party, potluck dinner, barbecues, sporting events, etc., to get to know each other and promote cooperation.



Important Phone Numbers

For Code Enforcement issues, contact 801-955-2013.

The City of Taylorsville can be reached at 801-963-5400.